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INDEPENDENCE MAN SENTENCED FOR METH, FIREARM VIOLATIONS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Independence, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for violating federal narcotics and firearms laws.

Shawn M. Lindsay, 34, of Independence, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to 10 years in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Lindsay** to forfeit to the government his residence at 2920 S. Scott in Independence, where **Lindsay** kept methamphetamine.

On May 25, 2004, **Lindsay** pleaded guilty to being in possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine and to being in possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime.

Law enforcement officers recovered 68 grams of methamphetamine during a search of **Lindsay's** residence on Aug. 11, 2003. Officers also recovered a number of firearms in **Lindsay's** bedroom during the search, Graves said, including a loaded Colt .357 Magnum revolver and a loaded Smith & Wesson 9 mm pistol.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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